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APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

During the month of April, the Wisconsin Veterans Home will be celebrating National Volunteer Month!

This year our volunteers will be honored the week of April 17-23, 2022 on our campus. Here are some pictures of the many individuals over recent years (pre-COVID) who have given their time, compassion, and generosity to our members.

We wish we could shine a light on every volunteer as they give their time, talent, and voice to make a difference with our veterans. To all our volunteers, we are grateful for you and we appreciate your outstanding commitment and dedication to our veterans and staff at our Home at King!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Mary M. Kolar, Secretary WDVA

Greetings! Can you believe that over two years ago, COVID-19 precautions were put into place across the state, including here at our veterans home? Has it really been that long? All of us have adapted and made changes to the way we live since then. Cautiously, following CDC health protocols, we've been able to have visitors, and it was great to be able to see some of our friends and loved ones again. With the declines in virus transmissions, we are seeing positive signs. We are finally emerging from the worst of the pandemic.

We also had many reasons to celebrate this past year as vaccines and boosters made us a safer community. We witnessed the generosity of our community through their donations, the hosted lunches, and the socially distant "happy hours" thanks to our local veteran service organizations. And of course, we celebrated again as our doors were opened for safe visits with family again.

I love seeing the pictures in your past newsletters of fun excursions to Marden Memorial Center to bowl or shop, creating new works of art with paints, and holding Packer game watch parties. My heartfelt gratitude to your activities directors in King's buildings for delivering wonderful diversions during the cold weather months. It is wonderful that King has these amenities right here on our campus so that we can cautiously take steps toward expanding on the kinds of activities our members are able to enjoy.

While March might be the anniversary of COVID-19 upending our lives, it also means that spring is right around the corner. The trees will soon begin to show green leaves, flowers will begin grow again, the birds will be singing, and we will feel the refreshing warmer winds come across the Chain. The world is already looking brighter, and we can be cautiously optimistic. We can't predict the future, but we stay grateful for our collective wellbeing. Thank you all for choosing us to be your Home!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Thomas H. Keen, a Vietnam War Navy Veteran joined us on February 16, 2022 from New London. He is living at AH.

Ned H. Hughes, a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on February 21, 2022 from Neenah. He is living at AH.

Leroy R. Kempf, a Peacetime Era Army Veteran joined us on February 28, 2022 from Fremont. He is living at AH.

Donald J. Alley, a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran joined us on March 1, 2022 from Rhinelander. He is living at OH.

Thomas J. Somers, a Vietnam War Marine Corps Veteran joined us on March 3, 2022 from Amherst. He is living at AH.

Delbert J. Weller, a Korean War Navy Veteran joined us on March 3, 2022 from Plover. He is living at AH.

Robina D. Weller, a Korean War Navy Veteran's spouse joined us on March 3, 2022 from Plover. She is living at AH.

Jeffrey M. Stolz, a Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Army Veteran joined us on March 10, 2022 from Neenah. He is living at MH.

Donald R. Braatz, a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran joined us on March 14, 2022 from Shawano. He is living at OH.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Martha Mafurutu

The Empty Boats: Luke 5:2-3 “He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. And He got into one of the boats”

On this day, the experience of the boat was completely different, the boat approached by Jesus was empty. There were no fish, as confirmed by Peter, who said “...we toiled all night and we took nothing” (Lk 5:5). The owners of the boat had gone out to wash their nets with no joy of sharing of the catch.

As things turned out, someone greater was coming to occupy the empty space. The Master, Jesus had been followed by great crowds, and the empty boat was needed for a greater purpose that would be more beneficial not only to the fishermen but also to those who wanted to hear the word of God. Here we can clearly see, how the empty boat was turned into the table of the word for the large crowd, and how they received their spiritual nourishment. When Jesus was done speaking, He told the fisherman to put out in deeper water, and their nets were filled.

There are times we too can feel completely empty; however, the word is giving us hope and clear communication that Jesus wants to fill our emptiness. When our skills have failed us, the Lord is saying for us to cast our nets into the deeper water; thus, He will convert our emptiness into something more beneficial and profitable.

MORE NEW MEMBERS...

James A. Augustyn, a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on March 18, 2022 from Antigo. He is living at OH.

Robert W. Watkins, a Korean War Army Veteran joined us on March 18, 2022 from Bruce. He is living at OH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April Birthdays!

AINSWORTH HALL

Michael Gilbert
Gary Schwerinske
Adolph Kraus
Thomas Kildahl
Paul Campbell
Mark Clark
Earl Doro
Robert Knutson
Lois Kolp
Georgelene Thielen
James Anderson
Angus Semple

OLSON HALL

Calvin Delikowski
Robert Lampinen
James Purcell
David Rehfeldt
Jerome Taddy
Van Vanduch
Martin Wozniak

MAC ARTHUR HALL

Jack Algiers
George Mitchell
Robert Brickel

AINSWORTH HALL



Ainsworth Activities:
Mardi Gras Masks, Fat Tuesday, painting classes, and shamrock shakes!



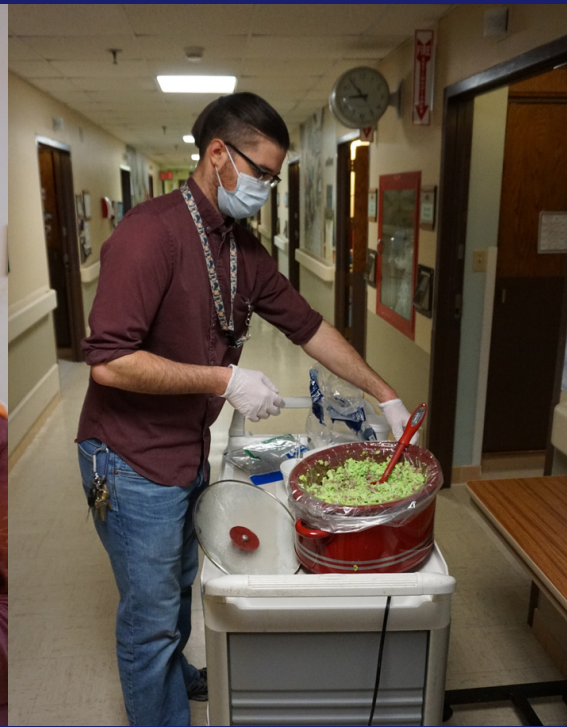


MACARTHUR HALL

BLACKJACK, PIZZA, MARDI GRAS KING CAKE, BIRTHDAY DONUTS, & MORE!



OLSON HALL FUN DAYS!



March this year brought a lot of silly fun to Olson Hall from crafts, Dr. Suess Day, dress up days, bowling, and lots of green! Members enjoyed doing lots and eating special treats. And, who doesn't love seeing everyone wearing silly costumes?



ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2022



^ St. Patty's Day - "Guess How Many Gold Coins in the Jar" Winner!



Mint Chocolate Chip Ice cream too!



MORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY...



More Shamrock Shakes, ice cream, green hats, and smiles!



THANK YOU SOCIAL WORKERS



March was National Social Worker Month. We are so grateful at King for our team of dedicated social workers. Thank you for all you do for our members!

Pictured, left to right: Jaymie Noack, Jen Shaw, Penny Cain, Nicole Bodenheimer, Dee Sanchez

Front row: Jamie Petersen-Johnson, Luna (Jamie's pup) Lacey Smith-Sheldon

Not pictured: Lisa Wood and Chris Dumke

Member Spotlight: Larry Cavanaugh

Meet King member, Larry Cavanaugh, a U.S. Army veteran. Larry has created a work of detail, patience, and art that is on display in the glass display case as you enter MacArthur Hall. It all began with a kit he received from his sister about three years ago. Over the past several months, he finally found some time to work on it and the results are outstanding.

Larry has a wonderful eye for detail. Even the chandelier and miniature lamps in the house light up. He is also an avid collector of die cast model cars. If you are visiting a member in MacArthur Hall, we highly encourage you to check out the glass display case and see Larry's skilled handiwork for yourself.



IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY

*With honor, with
gratitude, with love
Our friends who
passed recently*

Russell Blank

James Lenzner

Terrance St. Pierre

Michael Starrine

Richard Swanson

Volunteer In Memoriam: *Duffy Replogle*



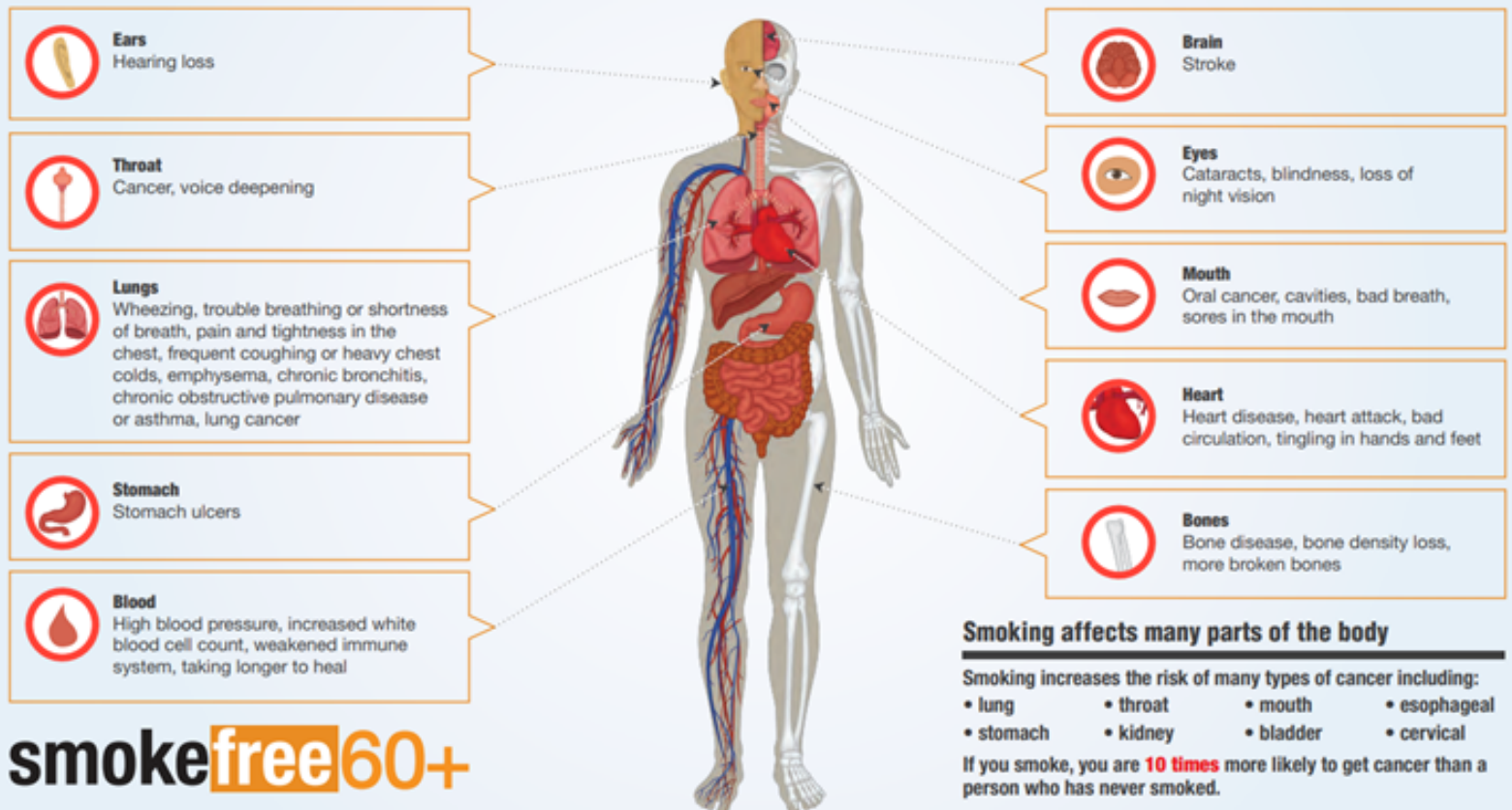
Members and staff of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King would like to extend their sympathy and appreciation to the family and friends of Duffy Replogle for his many years of volunteer service. Albert (Duffy) Replogle of Waupaca, age 91, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022 at his home with his family at his side. Duffy served in the U. S. Army from 1948 until he was honorably discharged in 1952.

The Replogle family has a long history in connection with the King Veterans Home. Duffy and his wife Jackie followed in their families footsteps and began volunteering at King in 1974. They provided countless hours in the service of fellow veterans and their spouses.

Duffy's memorial raised \$1300 dollars which his family has chosen to donate to the activities departments in each of the three residential halls at King. Their generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Jackie, family, and friends.

QUIT SMOKING TODAY!

Health Effects of Smoking



Ready to Quit Smoking in 2022?

Reach out today for resources:

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